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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : C. Frederick Battrell et al.  
Application No. : 09/863,674  
Filed : May 23, 2001  
For : MICROFLUIDIC CONCENTRATION GRADIENT LOOP

Examiner : Samuel P. Siefke  
Art Unit : 1743  
Docket No. : 660115.418  
Date : December 22, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2003, please extend the period of time for response three (3) months, to expire on December 30, 2003. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.